

REMARKS

Upon the entry of the forgoing preliminary amended, claims 21, 23-28, 30-35 and 44 will be pending in the present application.

During the undersigned attorney's telephone conversation with the Examiner on January 9, 2008, the Examiner indicated the allowability of the elected subject matter and the rejoined process claim.

Thus, Applicants submit the forgoing preliminary amendment, wherein:

- claims 21, 23-27 and 44 are amended to be only directed to the elected subject matter, i.e., Group IV of the Restriction Requirement of September 28, 2007;
- claims 23-24 are also amended to be depending upon claim 21;
- claims 21 and 27 are also amended to delete the word "solvate";
- claims 23-26, 28 and 30-35 are amended better and more clearly reflect what Applicants regard as their invention; and
- claims 22, 29, 36-43 and 45 are canceled, without prejudice.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled subject matter of the claims in a subsequent continuation or divisional application.

This amendment does not introduce any new matter.

In view of the forgoing preliminary amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is, thus, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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